

Application Serial No. : 10/064,416
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REMARKS

The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the recent Office Action, which was designated a "final rejection." Entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application is earnestly requested.

Disposition of Claims.

Claims 1, 3, 5-18 and 20-30 were pending in the application and all are at issue. By this amendment, claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 17, 20, 21 and 23 are cancelled. Claims 1, 7, 9-16, 18, 22, and 24-30 remain in the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The claims that were previously in the application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over various combinations of Lerro, Hamblin, Lillo, and Brom. Reconsideration is requested.

The undersigned wishes to express his gratitude to Examiner Fernstrom for the courtesies extended to the undersigned and the inventor, Mr. Topolski, during a telephonic interview conducted on February 3, 2004. During the interview, Examiner Fernstrom suggested that the claims would be reconsidered if amended to add additional structure to clarify the differences that exist between the present invention and the cited references. Examiner Fernstrom stated that he would consider such amendments notwithstanding that the application is after final.

Reconsideration of the application in light of the claim amendments presented herein is earnestly requested. If Examiner Fernstrom has any further questions or requires further clarification, it is requested that he contact the undersigned attorney.

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